

# DAVID REPENTS

Ps 51; 2 Sam 12: 14-15

Immediately after David repents he writes Ps 51.

## **Psa 51:1-3**

Disobeyed the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandments plus being a hypocrite.

### **2 Wash me thoroughly ...**

I don't want even one speck of sin left.

Lord, don't just clean this sin out, wash me thoroughly from it.

I can't trust me with one little speck of sin left in my life.

### **3 For I acknowledge [conscious of] my transgressions:**

**and my sin** [literally: my rebelling, willful sin] **is ever before me.**

Everywhere David went his sin was before him.

David became a miserable husband and father.

Swindoll: *He had no joy. (Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.). He was unstable. He felt inferior and insecure (Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit in me.) Sin does that to you. It's part of the wages that sin inevitably demands. A carnal Christian will dance all around and try to tell you, "Everything's fine. Don't press me. I'm really free...really having fun...I'm doing well. You just haven't any idea." But down inside it's there. Everything is empty, hollow, joyless, and pointless. A true Christian cannot deny that. True guilt is there. Oppressively there. Constantly there. That's why David says, "Renew a right (steadfast) spirit in me, "implying, "I haven't had it for a long, long time."*

### **4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, ...**

Basis for all sin.

All sin is against the character and Word of God.

God is the standard for measuring sin.

***that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.***

**True repentance has no room for self-justification!**

### **5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, ...**

I am flawed from inside out.

### **7 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:**

**Desirest:** to have pleasure in; to delight in;

This is only thing God wants...desires...agreeable to.

**Inward parts.** Reins--heart, soul, mind

**Barnes:** The allusion is to the "soul;" and the idea is, that God could be satisfied with nothing "but" purity in the soul

*...and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.* Where cleansing begin? In heart and soul of man...

Heart, then actions.

**8** *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Roe: Hyssop was the little bush they used to dip in the blood and sprinkle things in the ceremony of cleansing. One of the things they would sprinkle was a cleansed leper. Once the leprosy had been dealt with and was no longer infectious, the leper could go to a priest and go through a ceremonial cleansing. The priest would dip the hyssop in blood and sprinkle him with blood seven times. It was symbolic that he was clean before God. Scarred, yes. He may have the leper's complete whiteness. He may have lost fingers, but he was clean before God. David compared to the purity of God sees himself kind of as a leper, but he knows even a scarred leper when he is clean is accepted.

A cleansed leper would still be a scarred person. A cleansed David is still a scarred person, and he sees himself as a leper here.

**9** *Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*

Make me stronger in this area than in any other.

**Rejoice:** free from suffering.

**10** *Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out (erase, rub out) all mine iniquities.*

1 John 1:9

Lord, forgive me to extent that I can look into your face and not experience any more shame.

**11** *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

No more condemning heart inside me.

**Renew a right spirit:** A spirit that is erect, fixed and steadfast.

I want a strong inner man.

**12** *Cast me not away ...*

OT--Holy Spirit came upon a person and could leave that person.

NT--Holy Spirit comes into a person's life to stay.

**13** *Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;*

Joy is inward and happiness is outward.

*and uphold me with thy free spirit* A spirit that is not held down or bound by guilt and sin.

**14 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**

**How to be effective in evangelization.**

- *I will teach transgressor thy ways*—I will have an effect and life changing ministry with those who are making ungodly and sinful choices.
- I will see people getting saved!

Roe: *When people see a life lived out in obedience to Jesus Christ, supernatural power above and beyond circumstances, joy of the Lord in the midst of circumstances, they will want that. Jesus Christ didn't have to ring doorbells. He just walked down the street and was surrounded by crowds. When people see that Jesus Christ lives in me and I am possessed by him, they will come to me..*

**15 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, ... blood violently shed.**

***...and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. When right with God-- want to sing to the Lord***

God forgave David! God showed David mercy!

But, the iniquities in his life were visited down to the generations to come.

Sin always has awful consequences.

One moment of pleasure in David's life led to years and decades of consequences.

**2 Sam 12:14** *Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.*

God, Himself, is bothered that news of David's immorality and murder got out.

As a result, people blasphemed.

**2 Sam 12:15** *And Nathan departed unto his house.*

The rest is up to you...and God!

David, you won't die over this.

God shown you mercy.

# SO WHAT?

## Conclusions:

1. David a success.
2. David became idle
3. David had no accountability.
4. David disobeyed God's law in multiplying wives and concubines.
5. David didn't stop with temptation.
  - He was Tempted
  - He Lusted
  - He Investigated.
  - He sinned!
6. David didn't keep short sin accounts with God.
7. David Rationalized.
8. David's sin was found out.
9. David suffered the consequences of his sin.
10. Others suffered because of David's sin.

## Sincere repentance: There must be

1. Transparent and open
2. Willingness and strong desire to turn from sin.  
Prov 28:13
3. Brokenness and sincere grief over the sin.  
Psa 51:17
4. Sincere and open clearing of conscience.
5. Claiming of God's grace and forgiveness.

## How to confront sin

1. An obedience to the Lord
2. A wise and timely approach
3. A waiting for an open heart
4. A direct and firm confrontation.